



## WALLACE IS ON STAND

Gives Senate Canal Committee Information.

HE TESTIFIES CLEARLY

Former Isthmian Canal Chief Engineer Tells Why He Resigned.

TAFT HAD IT IN FOR HIM

Because Wallace Protested Against Department "Red Tape" Methods Taft Got Angry and Conspired to Ruin His Reputation So He Resigned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—John F. Wallace, former chief engineer of the Isthmian canal commission today testified before the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals. He related the details of his selection as chief engineer and said he protested at what he called red tape methods and multiplicity of miter and then he read a long statement. He spoke of the "violent attacks upon me which Secretary Taft and Mr. Cromwell gave the newspapers last June" and declared the only base for the attack was a difference of opinion between them as to his right to decide for himself when he thought the welfare of the enterprise and his own welfare justified him resigning. He said his appointment was named for no length of time and "I was liable to be dismissed at any moment by telegraph" consequently he thought he had a right to resign at any time he wished so long as the work in his charge did not suffer by such resignation. He said he came to Washington to interview Taft, but when he got there found Cromwell with him.

In order to avoid a discussion he says he gave his reasons for resigning as larger compensation he hoped to secure in another employment. "I soon found they had both come to the interview, determined to discredit me and if possible destroy my reputation simply because I insisted upon resigning when I had become convinced some man in my place would render better service.

Wallace expressed a desire to give the committee all the information in his possession resulting from a year's experience on the Isthmus.

### PALTRY LOSS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—After an inspection of the troop-ship Meade, Major Fiebinger reported today that the damage to the vessel will not exceed \$20 but several officers lost their personal effects, except what they wore at the time.

## TRAGEDY IN PORTLAND'S CHINA TOWN LAST NIGHT

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—Mah Shue, a well to do Chinese was murdered at his home in this city tonight by a fellow countryman named Look Fung Cheng, and his companion a pretty Chinese girl, was stabbed but not fatally injured by the murderer. Cheng was captured by the police.

According to the girl the murdered man and the murderer became involved in a quarrel over her affections and Cheng pulled a revolver and fired three

### CONTRACT BRANCH LINES.

Grand Trunk Pacific Will Build Twenty-Three Branch Lines.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—A special to the Tribune from Toronto, says: "A great system of branch lines tributary to the Grand Trunk Pacific will come before parliament at the coming session. The construction of no fewer than 23 branch lines is planned. Many of them will serve as feeders to the Grand Trunk system through the Northwest, drawing business from points north and south of the main line.

"This program is hardly likely to escape without opposition from the Canadian Pacific when such a sweeping inroad into the territory where the latter company has long enjoyed a monopoly is planned. The cry is bound to be heard that the Grand Trunk holds a blanket charter but if the company can show that it intends to give competition and improved railway service to districts in which they are now lacking, parliament may lend a sympathetic ear to the proposal."

### CAN GO NO FURTHER.

DENVER, Feb. 5.—The supreme court today affirmed the action of the lower court in imposing a fine of \$1,000 on United States Senator T. M. Patterson, for contempt of court. The case will now be appealed to the United States Supreme Court for review of the action of the Colorado courts.

## SENATE SENSATION

Patterson Reads Resolution Opposing Democratic Caucus.

### CONTRARY TO CONSTITUTION

Patterson, (Colorado), Follows Up Refusal to Join Democratic Caucus by Introducing Resolution Declaring Caucus Contrary to U. S. Constitution.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The senate was treated to a sensation today by Patterson, (Democratic), of Colorado, who followed up his retirement of last Saturday from the Democratic caucus by introducing in the senate a resolution in effect declaring the action of the caucus contrary to the spirit of the constitution of the United States. The senator's action was apparently unexpected and the senators listened attentively as the reading of the rather long preamble progressed, evidently not a little concerned as what would come next.

Patterson said he would speak on the resolution tomorrow or the first available day afterward. It is expected the Democrats will generally resist the adoption of the resolution and the Republicans will sustain Patterson's contention. Gallinger succeeded during the day in securing the fixing of the date for a vote on the shipping bill, the hour being set for three p. m. Wednesday, February 14th.

Several bills passed today and Teller made a speech in opposition to the shipping bill.

## U. S. ATTORNEY BRISTOL ON BOTH SIDES

GOVERNMENT ATTORNEY FOR OREGON ACCUSED

Is Charged With Being on Both Sides of Case in Federal Court Which He Was Called on to Prosecute.

HENEY SAYS HE KNOWS NOTHING OF THE CHARGES MADE

REGARDING THE CHARGES SAID TO HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST BRISTOL, HENEY STATES THAT HE IS NOT INFORMED OF THE NATURE OF THE CHARGES—FULTON CONFERS WITH ROOSEVELT REGARDING THE MATTER—SENATOR SAYS BRISTOL WILL NOT BE KEPT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Regarding the charges said to have been preferred at Washington, against United States District Attorney Bristol, of Oregon, which, it is said, indicate that Bristol's appointment will not be confirmed by the Senate, Francis J. Heney today said he knew nothing of any charges against Bristol. "Something has been said about a letter written by Bristol, which may have some connection with the matter but Heney had no knowledge of its content."

Heney said he held Bristol in high regard and that Bristol had been endorsed by some most prominent men in Oregon.

### Charges Preferred.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Charges have been preferred against J. C. Bristol, United States District Attorney of Oregon and the indications are that he will not be able to retain the office. The charges in effect are that he has been on both sides of one of the cases which he has been called on to prosecute.

Senator Fulton of Oregon had a conference with the President today after which he said that Bristol probably would not retain the office.

The trouble has grown out of the prosecution of the land fraud cases in Oregon which have been handled by Francis J. Heney, special counsel for the government.

### Makes Reply.

Here is the signed reply which Mr. Bristol made to the foregoing.

"I am not aware of any charges of any kind, although I have endeavored to ascertain since the article of the Oregonian of January 23d, by diligent inquiry, of what these charges consist or upon what basis they were made. I have never been upon both sides of a prosecution since in office, nor at any other time. The story is a fabrication."

"As to the matter stated in the dispatch connecting Mr. Heney, he is the proper person to answer therefore, and not myself."

"On January 30 I wired the Attorney General the full text of the Oregonian's article of January 2, and in answer there to received a telegram from the Attorney General stating that no charges of unprofessional conduct were filed in the Department of Justice."

"I have always expected that I would have the full and determined opposition of Senator Fulton, notwithstanding his reported protestations of friendship for me."

"W. C. BRISTOL."

"February 5, 1906."

### TO RAISE LICENSE

Citizens Petition Chicago Council to Raise Saloon License.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—With more civic organizations preparing to line up in favor of a \$1,000 saloon license in the interest of better police protection and with the pulpits sounding the alarm, four more aldermen came out yesterday in support of the plan. With eighteen aldermen still undecided this brings the council practically to a tie on the question.

All the influence of the local churches will be put forward in an effort to rouse citizens to the realization of the criminal menace which overshadows Chicago. The need of closing up the disorderly saloon and of raising the standard of responsibility among all saloonkeepers was dealt upon.

In one of the strongest sermons of the day the Rev. W. A. Bartlett of the First Congregational church described actual conditions in hundreds of saloons visited by a committee of 25 church workers.

In most of the pulpits from which this need of the hour was preached the voters of the congregation were urged to use their influence with their aldermen to secure support of the ordinance doubling the license. The power of the liquor interests was mentioned and the plea made that a united effort must be put forth if the saloon opposition is to be overcome in the council.

The campaign for a \$1,000 license will become hotter today with the meeting of the council license committee to vote on the report which will be made to the council tonight.

### SYMPATHETIC STRIKE.

Building Trades Unions Will Go On Strike on Fifteenth.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The resolutions passed by the executive committee of the Central Federation on Friday night instructing all affiliated unions in the building trades to declare sympathetic strikes on February fifteenth, unless the housemiths and bridgemen's union is recognized by the Allied Iron Associations were endorsed at yesterday's meeting of the central body. All unions who refuse to declare sympathetic strikes when called upon will, it was said, be suspended.

### MIGHTY POOR TASTE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Certain captains of whaling vessels have been accused of kidnapping native Alaskan women, and the United States has ordered a rigid investigation and directs that the offenders be arrested. The charge is made in a report to the Department of Commerce and Labor by Captain Hamet of the Revenue Cutter Bear.

### ALWAYS DOES DAMAGE.

HARTVILLE, Wyo., Feb. 5.—By the explosion of one of the four powder fuses at the Iron Mines, today several buildings of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company were demolished, and nearly every pane of the widow glass in the town was destroyed and a number of houses unroofed. Only two men were injured. The explosion followed a fire of unknown origin.

### TROUBLE LIKELY.

Army in Manila Expects Trouble in China Soon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Army officers who arrived here on the transport Logan yesterday, report that the prospect of trouble in China is the chief topic of discussion in army circles in Manila. The thirteenth Infantry and two squadrons of the eighth cavalry have been ordered to prepare themselves for field service. The destination of these troops remains a headquarters secret, but the only explanation of the order is that they are to be held in readiness for China expedition at the first outbreak.

Those who came on the Logan asked first for news from China, as they said that most of the information on the subject which was current in the Philippines came by way of Washington.

The officers of the troops under field orders have made preparations to leave on twenty four hours notice and their expectation is that they will be sent to Peking.

### DIES FROM BLOW.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—During the progress of an amateur boxing match at Colma tonight, Thomas Dovan was struck under the heart by "Chief" Johnson and so severely injured that he died in a few minutes. Johnson was arrested.

## TO REMOVE BOYCOTT

Metcalf Takes Definite Action Toward This End.

### WILL REVISE CHINESE ACT

Secretary Metcalf, of Department of Commerce and Labor, Approves Special Commission's Report, Recommending Revision of Chinese Exclusion Act.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Secretary Metcalf, of the Department of Commerce and Labor today took action which is expected to ameliorate the considerable friction between this country and China, and perhaps cause an abandonment of the boycott when he approved the report of the special commission, composed of Assistant Secretary Murry, and Solicitors Sims and Campbell, of the Bureau of Immigration, providing for a radical revision of the existing regulations under which Chinese may enter this country. The commissioners report touches the issue by way of either the excision or amendment of rule 24 of the existing regulations. Besides it contains certain alterations that promise to avoid all delay in admitting Chinese who apply for admission, and other alterations have been made with a view of avoiding any action that may seem offensive, provided the object intended by such regulations could not be accomplished otherwise.

## HOUSE FINDS FAULT WITH THE RAILROAD RATE BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Considerable fault was found with the railroad rate bill in the house, today, considering the fact that it is a measure of both parties. Littlefield of Maine opened the debate in a whirlwind speech, in which he pointed out the drastic and far reaching effect of its provisions. Grosvenor ridiculed the alleged popular demand for legislation, picked flaws in the construction of the bill, complained because no amendments were to be allowed and concluded with the state-

## FREIGHT HITS PASSENGER

Five Persons Killed in Smashup on N. P.

CARS' CATCH ON FIRE

Runaway Freight Crashes Into a Passenger Train Near Helena.

TWOMEN BURNED TO DEATH

Freight Train at Austin Station Breaks Loose and Dashes Down Steep Grade Into Passenger—Cars All Pile Up and Catch Fire.

HELENA, Feb. 5.—A runaway freight crashed into a passenger train on the Northern Pacific tonight at 11:20 about two miles east of Helena, resulting in the death of five persons. The dead were J. M. Robinson of Missoula; Charles Smith, conductor on the passenger; C. J. Jones, Express messenger and two other persons burned to death in the wreck whose names are not known.

Edward Brown, a brakeman, is so seriously injured that he will die. Several passengers were slightly hurt. Every coach in the passenger train was burned and the freight train, which was made up of cars loaded with lumber also burned. The passenger train preceded the freight out of Austin. At Austin the engine was detached from the freight.

There is a heavy grade from Austin to Helena and the freight train got loose and came thundering down on the passenger train which had come to a stop at the crossing. All the passenger cars were thrown into the ditch. When the freight had gone a quarter of a mile past the passenger train it also went into a ditch and caught fire. A carload of shingles was dumped on the passenger train and catching fire caused a terrific blaze.

### WORK THE LIMIT.

Employee Should Give Employer Due Amount of Service.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Clinton, Ia., says: Archbishop Keane of Dubuque delivered a sermon in St. Patrick's church here yesterday. The Archbishop said in the course of his remarks "The man who slights work and gives his employer less than he agrees to give is a thief and any labor union that upholds him in this slighting of work is a school of thievery."